

REMARKS

This amendment is in response to the Office Action dated April 2, 2008. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-mentioned application in light of the above amendments and remarks which follow.

The Examiner has rejected claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by either of Frey, Jr. et al. or Stoller. Applicants have amended claim 1 to substantially include the limitations of dependent claims 2-5, and claim 1 includes the limitation that the lid carries inlet and outlet pipes arranged to channel air to and from a heat transfer chamber within the lid, and for preventing water from entering the pipes, the ends of the pipes remote from the heat transfer chamber terminate with an air orifice which is oriented to point substantially downwards in use at a point lower than at which it enters/exits the heat transfer chamber. No such disclosure is provided by either of Frey, Jr. et al. or Stoller and is therefore not anticipated by them.

The Examiner had previously rejected claims 2-7 alternatively under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Frey, Jr. et al. or Stoller in view of Hendrix. The Examiner indicated that Hendrix disclosed a casing having an exterior mounted heat exchanger 14 having an inlet pipe for driving the heat transfer fluid 39 and an outlet pipe 49 for the purposes of providing cooling air to the heat exchanger. Applicants take exception to the characterization by the Examiner of Hendrix, as Hendrix does not show inlet and outlet pipes as provided herein.

Hendrix shows an exit duct 49 although it is not clear what the Examiner is referring to as the unlabeled inlet pipe. However, no such pipes are shown or contemplated by Hendrix.

As claimed, Applicants have provided a heat exchanger as a removable lid for the casing and the lid itself carries the inlet and outlet air pipes which are angled downwards to end at a level below the heat exchanger chamber so as to prevent water ingress. The incorporation of the downward pointed inlet and outlet pipes into the removable lid is not disclosed or suggested in the prior art where the air inlets are either at the level of the heat exchanger chamber or are built into the casing structure and are therefore not removable together with the lid. This is further described and explained in Applicants' paragraphs 44 and 45 as to the desirability of the prevention of water ingress and the effect of the air inlet and exit pipes as to water prevention.

In light of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants believe that claims 1 and 6-11 stand in condition for allowance, and respectfully request early passage thereof.

Respectfully submitted,



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